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SUBJECT: SOME JAMAICAN REACTION TO US ELECTIONS

1. IN CONTACTS WITH EMBOFFS, GOJ OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF BETTER US/JAMAICAN RELATIONS AS A RESULT OF CARTER ELECTION VICTORY. THOSE EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH CARTER'S VICTORY APPEAR FOR THE MOST PART ALSO TO ASSUME THAT THERE HAS BEEN ACTIVE ANIMOSITY WITHIN PRESENT ADMINISTRATION TOWARD GOJ WHICH HAS MANIFESTED ITSELF IN "DESTABILIZATION". (THUS THERE IS OBVIOUS COROLLARY ASSUMPTION ALLEGED DESTABILIZATION WILL CEASE UNDER NEW ADMINISTRATION.)

2. A MAJOR EXCEPTION TO FOREGOING CONSENSUS IS VIEW OF BANK OF JAMAICA GOVERNOR G. ARTHUR BROWN. DURING CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE ELECTION NIGHT, BROWN EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT JAMAICAN EXPECTATIONS OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION ARE TOO GREAT AND WILL ULTIMATELY RESULT IN FRUSTRATION AND DISENCHANTMENT LEADING TO A POSSIBLE FURTHER DETERIORATION IN JAMAICAN/US RELATIONS "AFTER THE HONEYMOON". HE COMMENTED TOO MANY HIGH OFFICIALS

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IN JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT EXPECT MASSIVE CHANGES IN US

POLICY ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO JAMAICA IN PARTICULAR
AND TO THE THIRD WORLD IN GENERAL. MOREOVER, MANY
OFFICIALS HAVE UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS RE POTENTIAL
LEVELS US ASSISTANCE TO JAMAICA UNDER THE NEW ADMINI-
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